

House Resolution No. 864

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone achievements garnered by Show-Me State amateur sports teams which demonstrate the benefits of good sportsmanship, training, and determination; and

Whereas, the Central Missouri Eagles junior varsity hockey team of Jefferson City has attained distinction in competitive play by attaining First Place in the Western Conference of the Kansas City Metro Area High School League and Second Place overall in the League; and

Whereas, during its inaugural year, the Central Missouri Eagles team became the first Jefferson City team to place First in Conference and to make its way to a Championship game; and

Whereas, admirably trained and led by Coach "Fitz" Fitzgerald and Assistant Coaches Doug Abrams, Brice Luetkemeyer, Al Leary, Ken Hoerchler, and Lee Tharp, the Central Missouri Eagles practiced two evenings per week and competed in twenty-eight games overall to obtain an impressive 23-5 win-loss record, of which twenty-four games were in League play with a 19-5 record, through 285 total shots on goal, 122 total points, 62 total goals, 60 total assists, and 118 total penalty minutes; and

Whereas, the Central Missouri Eagles not only emphasized high standards of performance in the game of hockey, but also excelled in such community service projects as distributing to hospitalized children during the holidays the 250 stuffed animals which had been collected from spectators instead of cash admission on Kids Night for the University Children's Hospital and sponsoring an Anti-Alcohol Night, an Anti-Drug Awareness Night, and a Night of Remembrance for victims of 9/11; and

Whereas, noted for their incomparable good sportsmanship, the Central Missouri Eagles traveled to Kansas City, Missouri; Kansas City, Kansas; Springfield, Missouri; Wichita, Kansas; and St. Joseph, Missouri, to compete on the ice and to demonstrate the immeasurable pleasures of a good, clean game for players and fans alike:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar season enjoyed by the Central Missouri Eagles and to convey to the team's coaches, players, and parents this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon attaining First Place in the Western Conference of the Kansas City Metro Area High School League and Second Place in the complete League; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Central Missouri Eagles junior varsity hockey team.

Offered by _____
Representative Blaine Luetkemeyer
District No. 115

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 864, adopted March 17, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker